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### **Update for March 11, 2020**

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

#### **Kentucky Court of Justice suspends out-of-state travel, discourages large-group meetings**

In an effort to protect our employees and the people we serve from COVID-19, the Judicial Branch will follow public health recommendations and begin implementing social-distancing measures. The following restrictions will take effect immediately.

##### **Suspending Out-of-State Travel**

The Kentucky Court of Justice is suspending all work-related out-of-state travel for all elected officials and non-elected employees. This suspension is effective immediately and will be re-evaluated at the end of April. In addition to putting yourself at risk by traveling, you could become a COVID-19 carrier and place others at risk. The Executive Branch and the National Center for State Courts are also suspending out-of-state travel.

##### **Discouraging Attendance at Large Meetings**

We are discouraging attendance at meetings of more than 30 people. If it is possible to attend by conference call or videoconferencing, that would be a good alternative. Otherwise, it would be best not to participate.

##### **Canceling Large Group Events at AOC**

The Administrative Office of the Courts is canceling the use of its conference facilities through the end of April for external groups of more than 30 people. We are also evaluating meetings of internal groups of more than 30 people.

Please make every effort to observe the social-distancing measures that we are putting into place now and in the coming weeks.

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